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THANKSGIVING

The toil of the summer is over, the crops have been garnered, and it is right and proper now that we should stop for a few moments and turn our thoughts, and render our thanks to the real giver of every good and perfect gift, for bounties we enjoy and the general prosperity of the country. We would be very indignant should any one accuse us of being ungrateful for the favors accorded us; but there is a law of nature that decrees that if a man will not use a faculty or power, he shall not retain it, and the spirit of thankfulness is not exercised as it should be. In this excited and feverish race of life, we simply snatch its many blessings without stopping to think of the source from whence they came, and we are slowly, but surely, losing this principle of gratitude, and as the general prosperity increases, we are withdrawing more and more into the little circle of self. As we become more and more independent of each other, we become more and more selfish, exacting and ungrateful not only toward the Lord but toward each other. But let Thanksgiving day remind us that we should be grateful; and gratitude, like other human principles, comes to us by cultivation; either from pressure of circumstances or from self-imposed discipline. But in these prosperous times, few of us take the trouble to impose much self discipline, or to cultivate the noble principle of thankfulness, but give full rein to all the selfish instincts of the animal nature, and especially to the greed for money getting; and out of this state of affairs grow all the strifes of the home and the country; all the strikes and convulsions arising from the contentions between anarchy, which attempts to extort that which is not freely given, and the only remedy that we see for this festering state of affairs is some awful calamity, which shall wring from us the fragrance of human sympathy, or some tremendous impulse that will cause the people to put a check upon the selfish propensities and compel us to acknowledge our mutual dependence upon each other as well as upon the Lord of Heaven. So welcome to Thanksgiving Day, and let us learn a lesson of gratitude which shall bring us, instead of a curse, a blessing from our universal prosperity.

Of all our national holidays none is more universally or more joyously celebrated than that of Thanksgiving Day. Though of New England origin and for many years confined almost exclusively to that section, it has slowly but surely extended itself all over our great country.

THE WAR FUND SPIRIT

The generous impulse of those who launched the movement for Medina County to send substantial aid to the stricken Belgians will undoubtedly bear good fruit. The churches, schools, fraternal organizations, social clubs and citizens generally are responding to the call and it is confidently believed that the grand total will far exceed all expectations. While Thursday of this week was set as the day for general giving, it has been decided to accept contributions up to and including Thanksgiving day. There is no one so poor that he or she can not spare at least a penny in so worthy a cause. And if he will pause to reflect upon the unspeakable misery and devastation that has been visited upon the innocent Belgians and their land, his heart will tell him what to do.

In the midst of our season of happiness and plenty, let us help those who at this time are and, who for a very long time will be unable to help themselves. Medina is taking the lead of her sister counties of the state in sending money to the suffering Belgians. Then what a glorious thing it would be if every person in the county should give all he can afford, or even any amount. In either event the total would be astounding.

Think it over, good people, and make your contributions at once. Remember that every bank in the county is a depository, also every school teacher.

The administration of Governor James M. Cox has lived within its income, as was shown when the books were closed on Monday for 1914. There was a balance of \$5,564,124.86 on Nov. 15, 1913, and receipts for the year were \$20,544,539.15. The total disbursements were \$17,942,183.69, showing a balance on hand of \$8,166,480.32. Both income and disbursements was swelled millions by the state plan of highway construction, so the figures do not indicate any large increase in actual government expenditures over the preceding year. The balance is much larger than ever before.

And just to think—Cox was crucified for making the saloonkeepers in Cincinnati close their saloons on Sunday as the law provides they shall do, says the Holmes County Farmer.

THE CHURCHES

Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday, Nov. 22—10:30 a. m., Preaching service, theme: "The Content and Method of Religion IV."; 11:30 a. m., Sunday school. At this service an offering will be taken for the war sufferers of Europe; 6:30 p. m., Class meeting service. A service of religious conversation led by the pastor; 7:30 p. m. Preaching, theme: "The Power of The Holy Ghost." Special attention is called to an extra service of the day at 4 p. m., which will be a vesper service under the direction of the choir and its leader, Mr. John Beck. Special soloists for the service will be Miss Brintnall, soprano; Mrs. Gage, alto; Mr. Fred Bohley, baritone and Mr. Ralph Harrington, violinist. The service is free and all are cordially invited.

The Epworth League will serve a picnic supper on Thanksgiving evening at the church. Two barrels will be packed with fruit and clothing for the Community house of the Methodist church in Cleveland. Your gifts will be welcome.

The union Thanksgiving service for Medina churches will be held at this church on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m., with Rev. MacDonald, who is conducting the revivalistic services at the Disciple church, as the preacher of the occasion.

Congregational Church

Morning worship at 10:30, sermon, "The Attractions of Heaven and the Distractions of Earth." Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Christian Endeavour at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30; sermon, "I Should Worry" H. Samuel Fritsch, pastor.

First Baptist Church

Sunday, Nov. 22—10:30 a. m., Morning worship, subject, "Thanksgiving Considerations"; 11:45 a. m., Bible school; 6:30 p. m., Young People's service, leader, Sadie Kernan; 7:30 p. m., People's service, "The Severity of Truthfulness". The special music will be in keeping with Thanksgiving.

Church of Christ

Friday evening of this week the subject of the sermon will be "The Greatest Sin in Medina." Sunday evening, "A Savior for All." Monday evening, "Judas." Tuesday evening, "Popular Amusements" (Cards and Dancing.) Don't fail to hear the sermon Tuesday evening. Other special sermons announced later. Meetings every night next week. Everybody invited.

NOVAK NOW SERVING TERM

John Novak of Creston found guilty by the jury some time ago of the murder of Steve Fondock and sentenced to an indeterminate sentence in the reformatory at Mansfield by Judge Weygant, was taken to the institution Wednesday noon.

Ran Against Odds

Congressman E. R. Bathrick's friends are well pleased with the splendid run made for re-election to Congress.

Bathrick carried his own county by 919 votes and when it is considered that Gov. Cox, at the head of the ticket, lost Summit county county to Mr. Willis by a plurality of 949, the range of preference exercised by the voters is most significantly in Bathrick's favor.

Bathrick also carried Medina county by a plurality of several hundred. The Republican candidate, Mr. S. H. Williams, carried his home county of Lorain and Portage.

Congressman Bathrick's term will expire March 4, next year, and he says that he will keep on the job until that time and then return to Akron to make his living by engaging in some business.

"I have tried for four years to give my constituents what they wanted," said Bathrick today. "What they want now is perfectly satisfactory to me. The best of men get caught in the cogs of great political movements, and while this may not apply to me at all, I do not consider it a personal defeat. Twice men of other parties came and stood with mine. The result gave honor to me, which I have labored to deserve. The thoughtful can now see what it is to attempt a public career against the odds of a normal adverse party majority."

"I have thousands of staunch friends who do not believe I am what enemies represented me to be, and this is quite sufficient consolation. If I could have had a month among the people to get the full facts to them, I believe the result would have been different. But I had only a bare week, and the last hour circulation of mis-statements and denunciations found the popular mind well agitated and prepared to receive them."

The fact that in a year of political landslide against his party, Bathrick was defeated by only a meager plurality, considering the heavy vote polled, and the further fact that he was a stranger to half the counties of his district, and was unable to get away from Washington long enough to make an energetic campaign either for the nomination of election, has persuaded Bathrick's friends that in the not remote future he will be recalled to service.

Already an Akron Mayorality boom has been started for him, but when he heard it he said that a 40 yoke of oxen couldn't drag him into the race.

Drys Won't Let Up

The action of the trustees of the Ohio Anti Saloon League in declaring for a state-wide Prohibition campaign next year will be followed at once by activities on the part of county organizations. Plans will be formulated for beginning the educational campaign and for reaching the last voter in every precinct. There will be no let up in this work through the winter.

Ohio is the first state to cast more than a half million votes for Prohibition. In the recent election 71 of the 88 counties cast majorities for the abolition of the liquor traffic. Included in this number are 29 counties now wet. These wet counties voting dry are Allen, Clarke, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Fairfield, Huron, Henry, Hocking, Lawrence, Jefferson, Licking, Lorain, Marion, Mahoning, Mercer, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington and Wyandot.

Summit county in which Akron is located gave more than 2,000 majority for Prohibition, while the city of Akron went dry by nearly 500 majority. This is the largest city in the state to vote for Prohibition. Akron has a population of nearly 80,000, and the voting dry of such centers of population as Akron, Lima, Marion and other cities, makes a victory of the liquor men look like a defeat.

Every effort will be made by the attorneys for the Anti-Saloon League to bring about a re-count of the votes in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and other places where irregularities are alleged. It is evident the state is greatly in need of further legislation to insure fair elections and such laws will be asked for this winter.

More than 1,000 churches and dry campaigns committees urged bringing another Prohibition campaign next year, while several thousand letters from individuals were received by Antisaloon League officials within the week following the election. The requests were for election next year because there will be neither a state or national campaign in 1915.

The brewer's Home Rule amendment was polled through by about 8,000 majority in a total vote of 1,000,000 and carried by 9 of the 88 counties. It was the overwhelming vote of Cincinnati which fastened this amendment on the state and which is responsible for opening saloons in 40 counties now dry.

"Hungry Horde"

There was a lot of talk about a hungry horde—hungry horde is the way they always refer to them—when Governor John M. Patterson came into office. But that hungry horde will be nothing to the hungry horde which will descend on Columbus at about the same time that the politicians and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to scrap about tickets to the inaugural ball. The horde which is coming has tasted blood, and like the "tame" lion which once gets its meat served so rare the warm blood is running out and ever afterward is wild as a March hare, so will it be with this horde when it smells blood again. And even now it smells it from afar.

The Democratic horde which came in was not so hungry because it hadn't had a taste for so long it had forgotten what the taste was like. Just think over the list—Herrick, Nash two terms, Bushnell two terms, McKinley two terms, then James E. Campbell, elected in 1889. It's a far cry from 1891, when Campbell went out, to 1906, when Patterson went in—fourteen full years. Fourteen lean years would describe it better.

So it may be safely gambled that Mr. Willis will be asked which boards and which commissions he will abolish. There will also be some strong talk of repealing the civil service law—not because the Republicans do not favor civil service, dear me, no. But the Democratic civil service law, you know, was passed with the sole idea of building up a Democratic machine, and a civil service law built on such a foundation could not possibly be a good civil service law. What the Republicans ought to do is to repeal this iniquitous Democratic civil service law, which isn't enforced as it should be because it is such a weak law that it cannot be enforced properly. They should repeal this law and pass a good civil service law. It would be a good idea to have the old law go out of effect just as soon as the bill passes the legislature and have the new one go into effect about six months later, in order to give the Governor and the other state officials ample opportunity to get into good working order the machinery it will be necessary to install to see that the good Republican law is properly enforced. That's what the Republicans ought to do, and it is what they will do if they have the nerve.

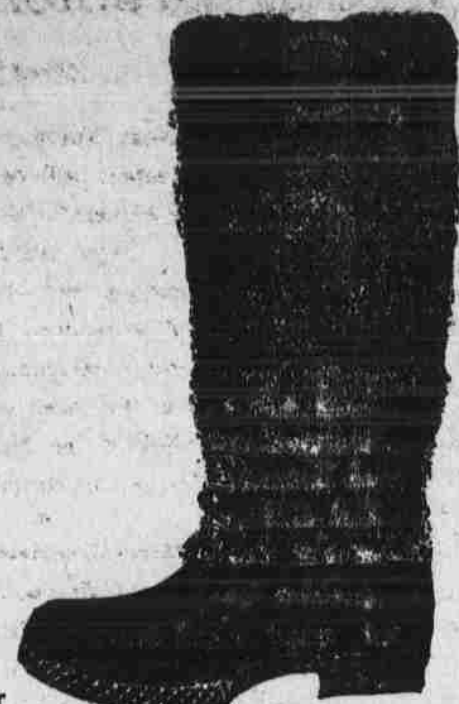
A full-fledged politician, who works at it for his living, who believes, when he is out of a job, that a civil service law is a good thing, is just about as probable a creature as is a Turkish general capturing St. Petersburg. It is within the realm of possibility, if you make it a good big realm. Civil service is usually a joke; it is intended to be. The people might as well let the politicians be honest when they want to, and that is one thing they certainly will be honest about if given the opportunity. They believe that to the victor belong the spoils, and will divide them if they get a chance. There is a lot of nambypamby talk about keeping a good man in a job when you find him, but there have been instances known in the business world to which the reformers refer when some employees forget they have any duties to customers and forget that they do not own the business; they stay so long on the job they commence to think it belongs to them. There is a very effectual way of curing the disease in the business world; they can the man who owns it. But there is no way to do it under civil service.

A certain critic of political conditions says that already, the men who have been elected representatives want to run for senator; the men who were elected senators all want to be governor; and every governor elected in the country thinks he is a candidate for president. He overlooks the ones in Democratic counties which stayed democratic, therefore leaving a lot of "lame ducks". And what shall we do with those who run for nominations and did not get them? Yes, there will be some politics during the next two years.

There will be a lovely session of the legislature. The dries already want to raise the saloon tax to \$2,500 a year, and they want the per capita for each saloon made larger, so there will be fewer licenses. There will be all the decentralization which Mr. Willis promised, the gagging of bossism. When the legislature gets through, the people will again heave a sigh of relief and wish it met only once in ten years; and that every time it got ready to meet the state house would burn down.

Mrs. Sarah Brandon, known as the "Mother of the Civil War," died at her home in the southern part of Belmont county Monday evening at the age of 113. Mrs. Brandon was the mother of 23 children, 22 of whom were boys. Sixteen of these saw service in the Civil war, 14 on the union side and two with the confederacy. Most of them never returned home.

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